Supply of gas to industrial consumers in Delhi

2127. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has suspended supply of gas to industrial consumers in Delhi region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the NCR National Gas Industrial Consumers Association has alleged arbitrary hike in oil prices by GAIL; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to resume supplies to industry at fair prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Supplies of natural gas to industrial consumers in and around Delhi were stopped to implement the orders of the Supreme Court for making available 2.0 million metric standard cubic meter per day (MMSCMD) of natural gas to M/s. Indraprastha gas Limited (IGL) for use in the automotive sector.

(c) and (d) GAIL (India) Ltd. is not marketing oil therefore, question of hiking oil prices by GAIL does not arise.

List of protected monuments

2128. SHRI B. J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Court of Delhi has asked Archaeological Survey of India to publish a list of protected monuments to enable people to know about this to guard against blatant encroachments, as reported in the Indian Express dated the 28th December, 2002;

(b) if so, whether this has been published in the press; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the proposed action plan of ASI to give a face-lift to these ancient monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The article published in Indian Express on 28th December 2002 is based on a PIL filed by Heritage and Culture Forum, praying that a list of protected monuments be published by Archaeological Survey of India. However, no orders have been passed by the Hon'ble High Court.

(b) Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 does not require Archaeological Survey of India to publish any list in the press. All protected Monuments are notified in gazette, which amounts to publication.

(c) The Archaeological Survey of India has included which monuments in the prespective plan drawn up for the next five years.

Financial assistance for development of tourist spots in A.P.

2129. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for financial assistance for development of tourist spots in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) what are the names of historical spots in Andhra Pradesh being financially assisted by the Central Government at present?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) During 10th Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided to identify integrated travel circuits in the country each year. These circuits are finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Govt. of India Departments. In addition to this it is also proposed to identify one major destination in each State/UT Administration, each year in consultation with them for overall development including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Under the above schemes, based on the preliminary proposals submitted, Nagarjunasagar has been identified for development as a major Destination and Pochampalli for development under the Rural Tourism.